

Finance Committee Minutes

September 3, 2019

Members present: Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Members absent: Mr. Huddle

With a quorum present, Mr. Landon called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES:

Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve minutes of 07/16/2019 meeting, Mr. Daniels 2nd;
Ayes – Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels

Minutes of 07/16/2019 approved (2-0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. *REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE
“DETAILS OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
PROTOCOLS (R.C. 121.22(G)(6)” (NO EXPECTED REQUEST FOR ACTION)
(NORRIS/WATERMAN)**

Bill Waterman (Bailiff) stated that they are trying to get into compliance with Ohio Supreme Court security standards and improve methods of dealing with active shooter. He cannot discuss everything with general public, but wants to begin discussion with administration and city council with some of the requirements. Mr. Daniels asked for as much information as he could disclose in a public meeting.

Ohio Supreme Court has security standards. Five are mandatory, the rest are optional. They have complied with four of the five. They are not in compliance with security search requirement (wand, metal detector, other options), including a single point of entry into the area/building. They could have security point at entry into court room areas, or there may be a greater benefit to go with a single point of entry to the entire building. They need to have feedback from other floors, administration, council to decide which approach would be best.

Mr. Daniels did not feel that he needed to go into executive session. Once it progressed to council, the feeling may be different.

Mayor Schertzer stated that he liked the concept of considering the entire building. Many individuals are in the building and flow through multiple departments. He would like to see the security plan and work together to improve security for the entire building.

Motion made by Mr. Landon to go into executive session to discuss the details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols (R.C. 121.22(G)(6).

Motion died for lack of 2nd

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Item 2. PUBLIC REVIEW: MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT BIA FY19 JAG GRANT APPLICATION (REVIEW ONLY, NO COUNCIL ACTION NEEDED) (CLEWELL)

Mayor Schertzer explained that this is an annual grant opportunity. They apply with Marion County Sheriff's office. Administration is good with the grant as written.

Motion made by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Landon 2nd; Ayes –Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.
Item approved/reviewed by committee, no further council action required (2-0)

Item 3. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT OHIO AIRPORT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUND AT THE MARION MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (CARYER)

Randy Caryer (Service Director) we had to apply for a receive federal grant before we could get this \$36,000 matching grant.

Motion made by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Landon 2nd; Ayes –Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.
Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Item 4. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT FOR THE RESTORATION OF LINCOLN PARK STADIUM AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RESTORATION PROJECT AND THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PARKS DEPARTMENT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (CARYER)

Randy Caryer (Service Director) said that an organization called "Restore the Glory" (class project from Chamber Leadership Program) that had applied for ODNR \$400,000 grant to start restoration of Lincoln Park stadium (Lincoln Field only -- concrete bleachers originally built with public works dollars during the great depression). Because property is owned by the city, the city has to manage the grant. Any private monies they get, are managed by "Restore the Glory". They are currently working with a structural engineer.

Motion made by Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels 2nd; Ayes –Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.
Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Item 5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. (CARR)

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Auditor Carr explained that this is the follow up on the tax budget. Anticipated revenues have increased by \$5,706 over last year.

Motion made by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Landon 2nd; Ayes –Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Item 6. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RECYCLING TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO, APPROPRIATING NECESSARY FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (KURZ)

Scott Kurz (Service-Sanitation Superintendent) presented a request to replace a 1995 recycling truck. He provided pictures to show the poor condition of the truck. They have done a lot of maintenance to try to keep it in services. They have recycling trucks: 1995, 1995, 2014, and a 2016. They need three trucks in operation every day. The fourth one is used on a double day, special days, or when a truck is out for maintenance. It is becoming a safety issue for the employees. Money is already appropriated in budget as a capital purchase for the streets department.

Mr. Daniels talked about the fact that the city did not receive a EPA grant for a recycling truck that was presented as a possible option for the city when they were negotiating signing off on 5 year DKMM plan. They may not have even been qualified to receive it. DKMM is not providing any money for this. There was some DKMM grant money involved in the recycling truck purchase two times ago. No new DKMM grant opportunities have been announced, to his knowledge. There was supposed to be a line item for a grant, but they have not seen anything.

Mayor Schertzer explained that he has been trying to communicate with DKMM regarding programs for tires.

Mr. Daniels said that he is not going to vote to put another dime into this program, until DKMM steps up and does their part. Every year that we use city tax dollars to provide a recycling program, just allows DKMM not do their part. He does not think that the program is working nor is it saving resources. Money is the embodiment of resource. He feels that they have been deceived. If you want to feel good about saving the planet, do not send it to the city in a recycling program, quit buying stuff. Consumerism is the problem and this is a farce.

Mr. Kurz said that he is worried about providing service to the public and safety of his employees. It was voted to continue recycling he has to have equipment to do the job. Sooner or later they will have trouble picking it up every day.

Daniels we voted one year contract with sims. Sims did not get grant either. We are paying more to take away recyclables than we are for trash at the transfer station. At

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the beginning of next year, that rate is most likely going to go up. It is a wait and see. To continue to go at it alone when another state agency is obligated to provide this and goes at it in a miserable haphazard way he is done participating. He is not voting for waste anymore. He is bothered that employees are in unsafe situation providing a service that is a waste.

Mayor Schertzer stated that he and Mr. Daniels share some of the same sentiments. However, if they don't do it now. Next year it will be more expensive. They have the chassis now, in stock. If we wait until next year, it will be more expensive and who knows what the delivery time will be. Please consider moving it to council and let council make the decision.

Mr. Daniels if I abolished recycling hire a civil engineer and set of plans for transfer station on city ground. Stop playing game to negotiate with county commissioners vendor. We are subservient. Maybe this year they give us a good rate, but stick it to public. When lease is renewed, there is no competitor. No efficient way to get to landfill. Trash haulers don't go to the transfer station, they haul directly to Crawford county. They continually renew 5 year extensions. \$400,000-500,000 investment. Then city is free don't have to beg for the vendor commissioners 36,000 a year in rent. They don't care what we have to pay. In the city councilman mayor care about cleaning the place up. when people can't afford to clean up their yards because they can't pay \$88 to the transfer station or go to landfill, they leave their trash in the backyard. We need our own transfer station. We did on our own landfill. If EPA won't let you put on landfill land, that's virgin that hasn't been dug up. There is a huge demand to remove trash. Lack of transfer station is driving people to dumpster business. DKMM is not pulling their fair weight.

Recycling deducts \$300,000 \$354,000 plus overhead of employees in the four trucks, we can use those employees elsewhere.

Mayor Schertzer these problems were inherited. Creating transfer station big problem dkmm has to approve it before they can do it. We already made commitment to continue recycling. Dialogue is good. He is not sure that it's on you dkmm – that means they will place roll offs. Totally voluntary to do recycling in Marion Ohio. More inefficient than process that we are using right now. He would caution about that suggestion to let dkmm do it. We have identified a lot of things that we don't like about recycling. We have a lot of agreement. A lot are beyond our control. We need to replace a 25 year old truck. If for some reason, the council, the mayor, the public at large come to us and say they see what is wrong with recycling. Kurz is asking for recycling truck to replace 25 year old truck. He doesn't like to spend the money, nobody does but that is what we need at this point in time to continue the inefficiency... many beyond our control. They have considered used equipment on certain pieces of equipment – sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. The taxpayers have gotten their money's worth out of this vehicle. Please send on to council to let the entire council consider.

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Mr. Ratliff encouraged council to have a discussion about whether they are going to continue the program or not after 01/01/2020. If we are going to continue, then we are obligated to buy the truck.

Daniels if we buy truck then you have obligated funds for the life of that truck and the rest of that fleet. Never in a negotiation to negotiate with dkmm. They will just keep taking more. How much is council willing to pay for this? How much will you allow the city to spend before you say no

Schaber should there be another resolution that we are going to continue with recycling? If this goes 6 weeks and doesn't get passed, does this mean the end of recycling. That should be discussed in Municipal Services.

Members present Norris Landon Daniels Ratliff Schaber

Motion made by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Landon 2nd; Ayes – Mr. Landon, Mr. Daniels.

Legislation no recommendation to council (2-0)

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Mr. Landon adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Chairman Huddle

Clerk of Council